

I am opposed to the proposal to give LPFM stations priority over the current FM translators. As a citizen who listens daily to a national station that needs the FM translator to operate, I don't want to see my station possibly leave the air. I say MY STATION because that is what it is, MINE. I pay for it, the money to operate comes out of my pocket. Just because the station isn't locally ran does not mean that the citizens in the region don't feel ownership of it. This station is K-Love radio, a national Christian radio station. Personally, this station brings me a level of broadcasting that other stations that are locally ran have not been able to do. They provide services to me that local stations cannot do. Local stations are lacking in these areas, whether because of lack of resources or lack of opportunity to start such stations. They keep me up to date on what others across the country are doing. I feel a sense of unity with people all over the country because we are all united in a common goal (the goals that this station values). Locally, it serves our community in many ways. Along with my donations to them giving them the ability to broadcast in my area, it also brings the message that I want to hear to others in my community. This station has counseling and help available for those in need, by free phone numbers and email. If KLove were to be replaced by an LPFM station that didn't carry the same values, where would those in need turn? The services provided by K-Love are so beneficial to the public. They get me through my day, they provide me with the tools I need to help others in the community, they are home to me. Although they may not live around the corner, they ARE HOME to me... and I know that others like me feel the same way. Everytime I talk to someone and we discover that we are both K-Love listeners, we feel an instant connection, a family-like bond. K-Love deserves the right to continue broadcasting in all areas. Please don't give LPFM stations priority over something that I choose to listen to (and even choose to pay for in this case). Shouldn't this ultimately be the listeners' decision to make? As a listener and supporter of a station that needs FM translator services to continue broadcasting in my area, I ask you to NOT support the expansion of LPFM stations. I do wish to continue to have national stations available to me. I want to feel connected to the whole nation, not just what happens to be available to me from around the corner. Thank you for your time and I hope and pray that you will make the right decision.